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**SECRETARY, BOARD OF
OIL, GAS & MINING**

Hon. Ruland Gill, Jr.
Utah Board of Oil, Gas & Mining
1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Re: Board Docket No. 2015-026, Spacing Order Request of Crescent Energy U.S. Corp.

Dear Chairman Gill:

The Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah & Ouray Reservation hereby expresses its concerns regarding the subject Request for Agency Action, and respectfully requests that the Board keep the record open following tomorrow's hearing on the matter in order for the Tribe to address those concerns with Crescent Point, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Bureau of Land Management. We are advised by our Energy & Minerals Department that the information available until now raises serious questions about protection of correlative rights under the proposed overlapping spacing plan. Because the area lies entirely within the boundaries of the Reservation, and is composed of 66% Tribal and Allotted Indian mineral ownership, we simply cannot consent until the Tribe is assured that correlative rights of these owners are protected.

We request that the record remain open until after the Board's February 24, 2016 hearing. We appreciate the State of Utah's recognition of the Tribe's authority in regulating oil and gas development in Indian Country, and look forward to resolving these concerns with the operator.

Shaun Chapoose
Chairman, Tribal Business Committee